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"I guess I've seen enough of it to know. I used to live in the suburbs of Chicago."

"Well, what is it from here to the depot?"

"I suppose it is just what it is everywhere else; that is, a vegetable which—"

The departing patron interrupted with violence.

"Aw, say," he protested, "you ought to be plowed under, or fertilized, or something. Cabbage is cab fare, ain't it?"—Lippincott's.

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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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All book reviews are by the editor in chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

**The Encyclopedia of United States Supreme Court Reports**, being a Complete Encyclopedia of All the Case Law of the Federal Supreme Court up to and including Volume 206, U. S. Supreme Court Reports (Book 51 Lawyers' Edition). Vol. IV. Constitutional Law to Courts-Martial, inclusive. The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Va. 1909. Price \$6.00.

If any doubts ever existed in the mind of any lawyer examining the work above mentioned as to the wisdom of its arrangement, a perusal of the articles "Constitutional Law" and "Courts" in the present volume, would entirely remove them. Digests, as an almost universal rule, have been merely excerpts of cases grouped together under various headings, with about as much connection as the words in a dictionary. The examiner could find "cases," but had to construct his own law from them.

This Encyclopedia of United States Reports is not only a Digest, but a legal treatise on each subject. The two articles mentioned, "Constitutional Law" and "Courts," give in the language of the Court the law of the subject and then the cases with ample excerpts, so that the work is of equal value to the student and the busy brief maker, and can be read as consecutive treatises, in which the subject matter is logically and analytically arranged in such a manner as to make the finding of any particular branch of the law very easy. The two articles mentioned and the one on "Corporations" give evidence not only of marked ability on the part of the authors, but evince a care in method and arrangement which belong only to the highest class of legal authorship. We single these out merely because they are the longest and most important subjects treated in the present volume. All the work is well done and reflects high credit on authors and editor.

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**The Laws of England**, being a complete statement of the whole law of England, by the Right Honorable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain; '85-'86, '86-'92 and '92-'05. Volume 6, containing Compulsory Purchase of Land and Compensation, Conflict of Laws and Constitutional Law. London. Butterworth & Co. Cromarty Law Book Company, 1112 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y., Sole Agents for the United States. 1909. Price \$7.50, net.

Volume 6 of this work is issued in advance of Volume 5. This last named volume is to be devoted entirely to "Company" law. The

Parliament has lately passed a Constitutional Act relating to Companies which did not receive Royal Assent until Dec. 1st, 1908; so the editors desiring adequate time to treat this subject, yet not wishing to delay the work, have issued Volume 6 and will issue Volume 7 prior to Volume 5.

Volume 6 is of great interest. The English process of Land Condemnation, entitled Compulsory Purchase, etc., is interesting and in some ways curious, to the profession in this country.

"Conflict of Laws" will be found useful to the American student of the subject, whilst that portion of Constitutional Law published in this volume will, when completed in the succeeding one, give in a clear and condensed shape a treatment and history of the subject which will enable the reader to understand and appreciate what is meant by the English Constitution. So far as it goes this article has been to the reviewer both entertaining and instructive. With each volume of this work its actual value to the American Lawyer becomes more apparent. There is evidence of careful compilation and the highest standard of authorship. The whole scheme, we are informed, was in the hands of Lord Halsbury for more than three years before any printing was done and ample time given each contributor to complete his work in the part allotted to him. The result has been a work of unusual excellence.

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**A Treatise on the Law of Real Property**, by Alfred G. Reeves, A. M. LL. B., Professor of Law in the New York Law School; Author of "A Treatise on Special Subjects of the Law of Real Property," and Editor of "Reeves' Leading Cases on Wills." Two volumes octavo. 1800 pages. Little, Brown & Company, Boston, Mass. 1909. Law Canvas. Price, \$13.00 net.

Some years since Professor Reeves published a valuable work treating special subjects on the Law of Real Property. This work has been now amplified into a complete and up-to-date treatment of the whole important subject of the Law of Real Property. The author has been most happy in the presentation of his subject in the light of its own history. He has succeeded in stripping from a very technical subject many unnecessary technicalities and the work is prepared with commendable thoroughness, simplicity and clearness.

No subject in the wide compass of the law is of more absorbing interest than the law of real property. Our English forefathers attached an importance to land no other people have ever equalled, and the growth of the principles by which it was held, transmitted and conveyed reveal a national character for stability, earnestness and conservatism.

There is a well founded reason for every rule, something which cannot always be said for some of the rules engrafted on the body of the law by modern legislation. The learned author has briefly, but clearly set forth the older principles and the modern development and whilst selecting, as might be expected, the New York Codification as a typical code, he felt justified, as he says, for this course because of its importance and the fact that it has served as a model for much legislation in other states.

The work is of distinct and marked value and should take a high place amongst works on this subject.

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**Federal Equity Practice.** A Treatise on the Pleadings Used and Followed in Courts of the United States in the Exercise of their Equity Jurisdiction, by Thomas Atkins Street, A. M. LL. B., Professor of Equity in the University of Missouri, Author of "The